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PASS TO AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY, USUNDEL
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEXICAN CUBAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: A) MEXICO 9659, B) WARSAW 5335

MEXICAN FONMIN DECLINED TO GIVE EMBASSY COPY OF MEXICAN-CUBAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT, ON GROUNDS THAT "SPECIAL PUBLICATION" WILL APPEAR IN MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW MORNING OR NEXT DAY. PER ROZENTHAL, THIS DECISION MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER HIMSELF. ROZENTHAL WAS, HOWEVER, WILLING TO GIVE EMBOFF GWYNNE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS OF INFORMATION RAISED IN REF B:

1. TERMS UNDER WHICH CUBAN FISHING WILL BE PHASED DOWN/ PHASED OUT BY DECEMBER 31, 1979 WILL BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THOSE IN PROPOSED US AGREEMENT.

2. THE CUBAN PHASE DOWN-PHASE OUT FISHING AREA WILL BE THE GULF OF CAMPECHE, WHILE U.S. AREA WILL BE TAMPICO-CONTOY AREA. ENFORCEMENT OF CUBAN-MEXICAN AGREEMENT REGARDING NUMBER OF VESSELS, IDENTIFICATION, POSSIBLE MEXICAN BOARD-
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ING OF VESSELS TO INSPECT, ETC. BEGAN AUGUST 1. ENFORCEMENT

RELATING TO U.S. VESSELS HAS NOT RPT NOT BEGUN.

3. CUBANS ARE COMMITTED TO SPECIFIC FIGURES OF AMOUNTS, VESSELS, AND LICENSE FEES FOR PHASE DOWN IN EXACT MANNER AS THOSE PROPOSED FOR U.S. VESSELS. ONLY EXCEPTION IS THAT GOC PAYS FEES, SINCE VESSELS ARE CONSIDERED STATE-OWNED.

4. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND CUBA TO ENFORCE LIMITATION OF AMOUNTS OF FISH TO BE SAME AS THOSE IN PROPOSED U.S. AGREEMENT; VIZ., (A) THERE WILL BE A MONTHLY CATCH REPORT CERTIFIED BY GOC, (B) A SIX-MONTH CUMULATIVE REPORT, AND (C) MEXICAN PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF SHIPS, INTER ALIA.

5. FYI AMBASSADOR CASTANEDA NOW IN NEW YORK AND REPORTEDLY HAS A COPY OF THE MEXICAN-CUBAN AGREEMENT WITH HIM, AS POSSIBLE SOURCE COMPLETE BUT OFTEN SPECIAL PUBLICATION OF SOME VERSION OF AGREEMENT BY MEXICAN PRESS. IN THE MEAN-TIME, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO INSURE THAT EMBASSY SECURES COPY OF ACTUAL AGREEMENT FIRST THING AFTER PRESS VERSION PUBLISHED. WILL WIRE SAME IMMEDIATELY.
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